World Bank Assistance for Dindi and Moosi Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

6832. SHRI B. DHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank assistance released so far for the Dindi and Moosi irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh separately, and

(b) the present position of those projects and the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Moosi and Dindi sub Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh estimated to cost Rs. 334 lakhs and Rs. 164 lakhs respectively, have been approved under the World Bank assisted National Water Management Project. Uptil March, 1991 a sum of Rs. 39 lakhs has been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh under the National Water Management Project.

(b) Work on these two sub-projects is in progres. Expenditure of Rs. 25.00 lakhs on Moosi and Rs. 15.00 lakhs on Dindi has already been incurred upto August, 1991. Both the projects are targeted for completion by June, 1993.

National Awareness on Conservation of top Soil

6833. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to create national awareness about conservation of top soil; and

(b) whether any comprehensive legislation at the national level is being contemplated to conserve the top soil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Conservation of top soil is an integral part of Soil and Water Conservation measures. Knowledge of these measures and technological packages are disseminated through agricultural extension and farm advice on TV, AIR, Newspaper and other media.

(b) No, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Subarnarekha Multi-Purpose Project

6834. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Subarnarekha Pariyojana Par Phir Vivad" appearing in 'Navbharat Times' dated August 7, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether complaints have been received regarding misuse of financial assistance provided by the World Bank, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project obtained World Bank Assistance effective from January, 1983 to the tune of US Dollars 127 Million. The credit was fully disbursed by August, 1989. Government of Bihar is in the process of identifying another phase of Subarnarekhs Multi-